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Dear Chair Davies & Members of the

The institution's governance structure is widely understood system of governance with clearly defined authority, roles, and responsibilities. Its decisionmaking structures and processes make provision for the consideration of the views of faculty, staff, administrators, and students on matters in which they have a stake. NWCCU is a member of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) and is currently in the process of being reaccredited.

In reviewing recent media coverage and based upon the feedback from stakeholders, we are concerned that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Anchorage, and University of Alaska Southeast have failed to meet the above-critical Standards for Accreditation.

We respectfully urge you to take immediate steps to provide clarity around the authority, roles, and responsibilities of the University of Alaska System and its respective institutions and their leadership.

We also respectfully urge you to continue to create a space for inclusive dialogue as the Board of Regents deliberates on the future structure of the University of Alaska System.

NWCCU continues to assert the importance of the Board of Regents as an independent governing body, and respects that Board's ultimate authority related to the structure and future structure of the University of Alaska System. However, we also assert the importance of an inclusive decisionmaking process that respects the tenets of shared governance.